RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, RE: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROLLING STOCK

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that if \$47.8 billion were invested in public transportation immediately, more than 1.3 million green jobs could be supported in the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Cottonwood, Flagstaff and Sedona; the Counties of Coconino and Yavapai; and Northern Arizona University formed the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) on July 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, NAIPTA's Flagstaff Mountain Line transit system has seen a 10-fold increase in public transit ridership since 2001 and NAIPTA's Sedona RoadRunner transit system has the highest transit ridership in the State of Arizona for a rural transit system, and

WHEREAS, NAIPTA was named a recipient under the competitive Small Starts grant program for the Mountain Links project, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Flagstaff approved a sales tax of .00295 at supermajority levels on May 20, 2009 for the purpose of continuing and expanding a transit system in Flagstaff; and

WHEREAS, the pending Transportation Stimulus package seeks to fund public infrastructure that creates jobs and the pending reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU seeks to support worthy public transportation projects including rolling stock; and

WHEREAS, federal highway projects have traditionally been funded at a 94% federal match, and

WHEREAS, section 5309 funding is the traditional method for federal support of infrastructure and transit rolling stock purchases, and

WHEREAS, NAIPTA member agencies have need for \$25,300,000 for transit infrastructure and rolling stock within the next five years; and

WHEREAS, federal funding initiatives may provide 80 to 100 percent of total infrastructure and rolling stock costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Coconino County Board of Supervisors supports efforts to seek \$14,370,000 at 100% match under the economic stimulus

program and \$10,930,000 within the next four years for transit infrastructure and rolling stock projects.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3^{rd} day of <u>February 2009</u> by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors:

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Liz Archuleta, Vice Chairman

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APPROVED AS TO FORM DAVID W. ROZEMA, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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